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SUBJECT: AVLONA: TURKISH/UNFICYP CONFRONTATION

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1. AVLONA INCIDENT OF SEPT 10 WAS SLIGHTLY MORE SERIOUS THAN
REPORTED REFTTEL. WE LEARNED SEPT 11 THAT WHEN TURKISH
"FARMERS" MOVED INTO DMZ AND WERE ASKED BY UNFICYP TO RETURN
TO AGREED FARMING ZONE SOUTH OF TURKISH FDL, THEY DID NOT DO
SO WILLINGLY. RESULT WAS A SHOVING MATCH BETWEEN UNFICYP AND
TURKS INVOLVING USE OF PICKHANDLES AND OTHER SIMILAR
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IMPLEMENTS. IT WAS AFTER THIS SHORT SKIRMISH WAS COMPLETED

THAT WEAPONS WERE FIRED BY TURKISH SIDE.

2. IN THE EVENING OF SEPT 10, "TFSC PRESIDENT" DENKTASH CALLED MEETING OF UNFICYP SENIOR OFFICIALS AND TURKISH MILITARY. HE COMPLAINED THAT FOUR TURKISH FARMERS HAD BEEN HOSPITALIZED AS RESULT OF THE ACTION IN THE AFTERNOON. MEETING ENDED ON A POSITIVE NOTE WHEN IT WAS AGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE A JOINT UNFICYP/TURKISH/TURKISH CYPRIOT INTO THE MATTER TO TAKE PLACE SEPT 11. WE WILL REPORT ON THIS AS WE ARE ABLE TO GET DETAILS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT UNSYG WALDHEIM CALLED IN GOT UN REP TURKMEN ON SEPT 10 TO DISCUSS AVLONA PROBLEM. LOCAL SOURCES HAVE NO INDICATION OF RESULTS OF THAT MEETING.

4. LOCAL GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPERS SEPT 11 HEADLINE REPORTS OF SEPT 10 INCIDENT. WE EXPECT PRESS COVERAGE OF AVLONA TO INTENSIFY.
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